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SUBJECT: REFUGEE OFFICES RANSACKED; UNHCR REPORTS 4 REFUGEES  
DISAPPEARED

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1543

1. TEN OR MORE MEN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES BROKE INTO REFUGEE COORDINATING AGENCY OFFICES LATE LAST NIGHT (MAR 14), RANSACKING FILES AND STEALING SOME OFFICE EQUIPMENT, ACCORDING TO UNHCR REP. REP TOLD EMBOFF THAT FILES ON URGENT RESETTLEMENT CASES WERE IN PARTICULAR DISARRAY AND MAY HAVE BEEN COPIED ON THE OFFICE COPYING MACHINE. AGENCY AND UNHCR OFFICIALS ARE INVESTIGATING TO SEE WHETHER ANY DOCUMENTS WERE STOLEN. UNHCR REP SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHY THE OFFICES WERE RAIDED NOR BY WHOM, ALTHOUGH HE SAID IT COULD HAVE BEEN MEANT AS A WARNING FOLLOWING CRITICAL STATEMENTS MADE BY FORMER URUGUAYAN SENATOR ENRIQUE ERRO IN GENEVA LAST WEEK. ERRO SPENT 22 MONTHS IN ARGENTINE JAILS BEFORE BEING EXPELLED BY GOA IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

2. UNHCR REP ALSO REPORTED THAT IT HAS IN RECENT WEEKS ACCEPTED UNDER ITS MANDATE AN ADDITIONAL 42 PERSONS--11 PARAGUAYAN, 17 CHILEAN, 10 URUGUAYAN AND 4 BOLIVIAN--WHO ARE BEING HELD IN ARGENTINE JAILS, MAKING A TOTAL OF 50 MANDATED REFUGEES CURRENTLY DETAINED IN ARGENTINA (SEE REFTEL). TO DATE GOA HAS COOPERATED WITH  
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UNHCR BY EXPELLING JAILED REFUGEES TO RESETTLEMENT LOCATIONS OUTSIDE ARGENTINA. REP SAID INCREASED ACTIVITY OF PARAGUAYAN INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY FORCES IN ARGENTINA HAS LED TO HIGH NUMBER OF PARAGUAYAN ARRESTS HERE AND CONSIDERABLE PREOCCUPATION AMONG PARAGUAYAN REFUGEES. REP ALSO NOTED THAT FOUR REFUGEES HAVE REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED SINCE FEB 1, INCLUDING PARAGUAYAN DOCTOR AUGUSTIN GOIBURU WHO WAS KIDNAPPED BY UNIDENTIFIED ARMED MEN IN

PARANA, ARGENTINA ON FEB. 9. GOIBURU HAD BEEN SUMMONED TO  
FEDERAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN PARANA FOR QUESTIONING AND IMMEDI-  
ATELY RELEASED TWO DAYS BEFORE HIS DISAPPEARANCE. (HIS CASE WAS  
SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED BY US DELEGATE TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMISSION TYSON LAST WEEK.)

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